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SUBJ: US DOD TEAM VISITS

REF: TEL AVIV 8904

1. (S) DOD PROPOSES TO DISPATCH FOLLOWING TEAMS TO ISRAEL, WITH DEPARTURE SCHEDULED 14 NOVEMBER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING FIRST-HAND OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

(A) US MILITARY OPERATIONAL SURVEY TEAM (USMOST). MISSION IS SURVEY OF MILITARY OPERATIONS. RESPONSIBLE AGENCY IS JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

(B) WEAPONS CONCEPTS EXPLOITATION GROUP (WCEG) PLANNED TEAM. MISSION IS TO PLAN FOR SYSTEMATIC COLLECTION, ORGANIZATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF DATA CONCERNING INTER-ACTIONS BETWEEN OPPOSING WEAPONS AND WEAPONS SYSTEMS. RESPONSIBLE AGENCY IS DDR&E.

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2. (S) USMOST WILL BE HEADED BY A FLAG/GENERAL OFFICER FROM JOINT STAFF, AND COMPOSED OF 17 REPRESENTATIVES FROM JOINT STAFF, SERVICES, AND EUCOM. TEAM WILL REMAIN UNDETERMINED TIME AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE TASK.

3. (S) WCEG WILL BE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS (06)
FROM DOD WEAPONS SYSTEM EVALUATION GROUP AND LT. BLOMBERG,

CURRENTLY IN COUNTRY WITH USMEVTI, PLUS DOD WEAPON
SYSTEM EVALUATION GROUP, ONE CIVILIAN ANALYST FROM
INSTITUTE OF DEFENSE ANALYSIS. TEAM WILL REMAIN APPROX.
21 DAYS OR AS LONG AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE TASK.

4. (U) NAMES, SECURITY CLEARANCES AND TRAVEL
ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE PASSED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

5. (S) REQUEST EMBASSY AND GOI CLEARANCE FOR THESE
TEAM VISITS. LESSONS LEARNED COULD BE INVALUABLE IN
OUR CONSTANT EFFORT TO MAINTAIN BEST POSSIBLE
DEFENSE POSTURE AGAINST POTENTIAL ENEMIES. THESE
LESSONS LEARNED WILL, OF COURSE, BE SHARED WITH HOSTS.
WE UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN, REFTEL THAT WE NOT
OVERLOAD HOSTS OR EMBASSY AND DAO WITH VISITORS. WITH
DEPARTURE CASEY TEAM FROM ISRAEL WE HOPE INTRODUCTION
THESE TEAMS CAN BE SUPPORTED AND SAME LOW PROFILE
MAINTAINED. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT TEAMS WILL
BE WORKING PRIMARILY WITH DIFFERENT PORTIONS HOST
MILITARY: USMOST WITH COMMAND/OPERATIONAL NETWORKS AND
WCEG WITH R&D AND TECHNICAL SERVICE COMPONENTS. RUSH

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